--- 1/7th Pound - “Series of 1883” - BLACK - 5th BABN Contract (1892-1897) ---

John McKay records that 78,000 copies of the “1/7, Black, Tobacco”, *recess printed* by hand press, and 72,000 copies, *recess printed* by rotary press, were ‘delivered’ under the **5th BABN Contract** (1892-1897).

John McKay records that 42,740 copies, *recess printed* rotary press, were ‘delivered’ under the **5th BABN Supplement** (1897-1898). These had been previously printed under the **5th BABN Contract** and were in stock when BABN lost the printing contract to ABN in 1897. By mutual agreement, they were made available to the Department while ABN worked ‘up-to-speed’ on the die preparation and the printing of the “Series of 1897”.

5th BABN Contract - April 23rd 1892	78,000 recess (hand press)	**000001** to **078000**
	72,000 recess (rotary press)	**078001** to **150000**
5th BABN Supplement - (1897-1898)	42,740 recess (rotary press)	**150001** to **192740**
	192,740	

The catalogue lists the *recess printed* Series of 1883 black 1/7th pound TOBACCO strip as follows:

RP-553 - 1/7th pound, black, *coarse roulette*, on vertical mesh wove - 252 x 15 mm

--- Recess printed by hand press on *vertical* mesh wove paper - 252 x 15 mm - 4 mm. blue controls ---

--- RP-553 - *coarse roulette* - scanned at 67% scale ---

Neither John McKay, nor Lee Brandom, lists any coloured printings of the 1/7th pound “Series of 1883” strip. Since John McKay records that it was printed by hand press, and by rotary press, Judging by the control numbers, I feel that these 252 mm vertical mesh copies are *hand press* strips, and that **RP-554** should occur in a longer *rotary press* printing on horizontal mesh paper.

RP-553 - 1/7th pound, *coarse roulette*, with 4 mm. control **070001** - stamped **CANCELLED** in 3 mm. Gothic

RP-553 - 1/7th pound, *coarse roulette*, with 4 mm. control **070039** - stamped **CANCELLED** in 3 mm. Gothic

070001★	RP-553 CP	1/7th pound, coarse roulette, on vertical mesh wove - suspect
070039★	RP-553 CP	1/7th pound, coarse roulette, on vertical mesh wove - suspect
070043	RP-553 CP	1/7th pound, coarse roulette, on vertical mesh wove - suspect
070053★	RP-553	1/7th pound, coarse roulette, on vertical mesh wove

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